

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title on page 1, as follows:

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RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP GENERATING METHOD, RETRIEVAL
OBJECT MAP GENERATING SYSTEM, RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING
SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM HAVING ENCODED THEREON
A RETRIEVING PROGRAM, IMAGE MAP GENERATING METHOD, IMAGE AP
GENERATING SYSTEM, RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP GENERATING METHOD,
RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP GENERATING SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING
METHOD, IMAGE RETRIEVING SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-READABLE
MEDIUM HAVING ENCODED THEREON AN IMAGE RETRIEVING PROGRAM,
AND A COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM HAVING ENCODED THEREON
IMAGE RETRIEVAL DATA, IMAGE MAP GENERATION METHOD AND IMAGE
MAP GENERATING SYSTEM.

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

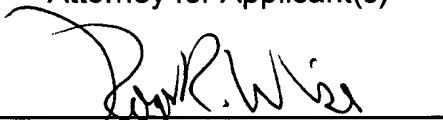
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